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In Re U.S. Patent Application )  
Applicant: Tanaka et al. )  
CIP of Serial No. 09/809,475 )  
Filed: March 15, 2001 )  
For: MAGNETO-OPTICAL )  
RECORDING MEDIUM )  
AND METHOD OF )  
REPRODUCING THE SAME )  
Art Unit: 2652 )

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application and calculation of the filing fee, please  
amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 12, 15 and 17 as follows:

6. (Amended) A magneto-optical recording medium as set forth in any  
one of claims 3 or 4, wherein a thickness of the mask layer is in the range of 3 to 67 % of a  
thickness of the reproduction layer.